18.	Meghalaya	02				01
19.	Nagaland	—	—	—	—	—
20.	Nepal	—	—	—	—	—
21.	Orissa	453	324	392	391	217
22.	Pondicherry	03	09	04	03	05
23.	Punjab	32	46	33	29	25
24.	Rajasthan	264	162	178	142	147
25.	Tamil Nadu	195	200	209	205	251
26.	Tripura	—	01	—	—	—
27.	Uttar Pradesh	1357	1250	1121	1043	851
28.	West Bengal	497	341	358	207	241
	TOTAL	5176	4732	4273	4574	3915

Discussion on Article 356 in recent Inter-State Council Meeting

534. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the broad details of the views expressed by the Inter-State Council members in their recent meeting regarding Article 356 of the Constitution;

(b) whether Government propose to amend this Article to prevent its misuse; and

(c) if so, by when; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF H0ME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The issue of Emergency Provisions and Article 356 was discussed in the second meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 15.10.96. Divergent views ranging from abolition to amendment of Article 356 were expressed by the Members of the Council. Most Members expressed concern at the manner in which the provision had been used in the past. It was decided that a Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council would examine, among others, the issue of Emergency Provisions including Article 356 in detail and submit its report within three months of its constitution. This report of the Standing Committee shall be discussed in the next meeting of the Inter-State Council after which the views of the Council shall be forwarded to the Government for consideration and further necessary action.

False cases lodged by Delhi Police

535. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has been lodging false cases as a result of which a large number of cases are dismissed by the courts and strictures are passed against the Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the errant Police officers/personnel during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) There has been one case during the current year in which the trial Court had held that the accused persons had been falsely implicated by the Investigating Officer. However, an appeal

3ias been filed against the said judgement in the High Court of Delhi.